

Church of the Resurrection

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2020

In Attendance:

Msgr. John Dietzenbach, Ted Rieve, Lorraine Miano-Fike, Jeananne Sciabarra, Roy Harris, Cathy Hanks, Mary Reif, Laura Glaudemans, Mimi Arsenault (Fellowship), Barbara Watson (Social Justice), Gina Maclean, Faith Fiocco, Thomas Brandt, Debby Jolissaint, Kersten Reyes (RSPS), Christine Lederer (staff), Mathilda Fienkeng.

1. Call to Order: Pastoral Council President, Laura Glaudemans, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and offered the opening prayer.
2. Roll Call/Quorum: Recording Secretary, Jeananne Sciabarra, determined that a quorum was present.
3. Minutes: The June 29 minutes were approved with one edit: adding Debby Jolissaint to attendee list.
4. Pastor's report:
 - a. Religious Ed is running Compassion Camp in September and October; 5 sessions. Formal religious Ed is beginning in November, Edge begins in November. LifeTeen has been meeting, dividing group into 2 sessions.
 - b. Confirmation preparation has started. 31 at St. Paul's confirmed; October 3 First Communion at Resurrection.
 - c. RCIA starting at end of September.
 - d. Discussion of evangelization program. Becoming Missionary Disciples is the archdiocesan program for evangelization, but it is very lengthy to prepare. We may just do the evangelization part of program.
 - e. Provided a printed update of collections that Christine walked through. 670 families using EFT now.
 - f. 390 each weekend, about 188 households coming. Attendance climbing a bit. Changing seating slightly to get a few more people in. Seating single people on side, every pew but on opposite ends.
 - g. October 4 will start live streaming again from chapel, 9:00 a.m.
 - h. Greg Downs, new seminarian, coming to Resurrection.
 - i. Christine reported on the finances: FY20, only down 8% March-June from prior year. Offertory ended just 2% below budget. FY20 ended with operating income of \$500,000. FY20 – over half of offertory donations came from EFT. 58 parishioners signed up for EFT since March. EFT donations increased more than \$5,000 per week since last year, up \$3,000 per week since the start of COVID. Using May 2020 figures for projecting income for FY. If we stay on trend, will end just 1% under budget this fiscal year. Budgeted programs/committees conservatively. \$170K PPP loan will appear on books in FY21, not FY20, and is not accounted for in the budget. Budget leaves \$125K for Vision 2020 at end of FY21. Vision 2020 fiscal update: Next week the finance committee will vote on how much of the operating surplus from FY20 will go into Vision 2020. Total on books for

Vision 2020: \$8.62 million. We are required to have 65% of funds in hand when building is completed. If total cost is \$13 million or less, we are good. \$1.15 million in pledges still to be collected over next 5 years. Should have \$10 million total for project.

- j. Conditional use plan update: Meeting tentatively scheduled with county November 12. Typically takes about 30 days after the meeting to hear about approval.

5. President's report

- a. Evangelization – Mathilda agreed to head up a subcommittee focused on evangelization. She and Fr. John will meet with the archdiocese to discuss their program.
- b. Summer reading book on racial justice – parishioner suggested we do a book group format. Barbara suggested we talk to Savannah to see if she would like to facilitate. Discussion questions should be sent in advance. Discuss in context of our Catholic faith. Lorraine mentioned this week's homily and how well it fit with this discussion. Laura, Lorraine, Jeananne and Barbara will work on setting this up with Savannah.
- c. Pastoral Council Corner – Laura would like the council to create a short summary of what's going on each month. She will do the September Corner.
- d. Mimi reported on Fellowship meeting – suggestion for drive-through donuts; pre-packaged, hand to people in cars after mass. The council discussed various ways this might be done, including piggybacking with some of the Saturday collections for Grassroots, or on the plaza after mass. Fr. John asked that Fellowship run it by Cindy Desrochers before proceeding.
- e. Making donation to Grassroots Day Resource Center in Laurel in memory of Sister Dorothy and Diane Gagliardi. The council agreed to donate \$200 from budget, plus individual contributions. Send contributions to Laura by end of week.
- f. Fr. John thanked Mimi, Missy Leffler and Patti Neidig who did a thorough cleaning of the hall.
- g. Kersten suggested offering encouragement to the school staff/faculty.

- 6. Adjournment and Prayer – Fr. John offered a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jeananne Sciabarra

Next regular meeting—October 5.